



State Representative
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Committees: Judiciary (Vice Chair); Criminal Justice; Energy and Technology; Higher Education

Biography: Republican, of St. Joseph; born December 20, 1962; lifelong resident of Berrien County; bachelor's degree, political science, Kalamazoo College, 1985; law degree, The Catholic University of America, 1988; wife, Kim; children, Sarah, Anna, Chas; partner, LaSata Law Office; *Who's Who in American Law*; Help One Student to Succeed 2001 Champion for Children award; Michigan Sheriff's Association Legislator of the Year for 2000; American Council of Young Political Leaders 2000 Delegate to Moscow, Russia; Elliott School of International Relations Globalization Summit 2000 Fellow; Bowhay Institute for Legislative Leadership Development 1999 Fellow; recipient of the American Hometown Leadership award from the National Center for Small Communities for brownfield redevelopment work; honored as 4-H Centennial Alumnus and member of the inaugural class of the Emerald Clover Society in 2002; recognized by Highland Avenue S.D.S. Church for outstanding leadership and service to northern Berrien County in 2003; member, St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary Club, Cornerstone Alliance, Berrien County 4-H Foundation, Farm Bureau, MUCC, Ducks Unlimited, and Knights of Columbus; past charter board member, Berrien County Guardianship Services and St. Joseph Today merchant's organization; past president, St. Joseph Jaycees; served three years as St. Joseph City Mayor and four years as a city commissioner; co-chair of the Bipartisan Urban Caucus and Legislative Lawyers Caucus; elected to the House of Representatives, 1998.

